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DEAR MR. MCALLISTER (MR. PHILLIPS):

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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: ETTC, ECOM, ETRD, OTRA, CH  
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND LAUNCHING OF AUSSAT BL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM MINISTRY OF  
AEROSPACE SET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SUN JIADONG INVITING EB

ASSISTANT SECRETARY EUGENE MCALLISTER AND AUSTR DONALD  
PHILLIPS TO ATTEND THE LAUNCHING OF THE AUSSAT BL  
SATELLITE ABOARD A LONG MARCH 2E (LM-2E) ROCKET AT THE  
XICHANG, SICHUAN, LAUNCH SITE. MINISTRY OF AEROSPACE  
OFFERS TO PAY FOR TRAVEL FROM BEIJING TO XICHANG AND  
LODGING IN XICHANG. LAUNCH DATE, WHICH WAS RECENTLY  
POSTPONED FROM EARLY MARCH, IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR  
MARCH 22. TRAVEL TO XICHANG FROM BEIJING WOULD BE BY  
CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, ON MARCH 20 OR 21, WITH TWO NIGHTS IN  
XICHANG AROUND THE LAUNCH DATE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND ECOM MIXCOUNS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR  
INVITATIONS AND PLAN TO ACCEPT. (SEPTEL WILL COVER THEIR  
ACCEPTANCE OF FREE TRAVEL FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING  
LAUNCH.) AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF ARE ALSO  
SCHEDULED TO ATTEND LAUNCH.

3. ACTION REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT; PLEASE ADVISE  
MCALLISTER AND PHILLIPS' RESPONSE TO INVITATION. EMBASSY  
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HOST A VISIT BY EITHER OR BOTH USC  
OFFICIAL. A VISIT BY EITHER COULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER A  
LOT MORE GROUND THAN JUST THE AUSSAT LAUNCH. END ACTION  
REQUEST.

4. TEXT OF INVITATION LETTER FOLLOWS IN PARA 5.  
ORIGINALS POUNCED TO DEPARTMENT, EAP/CM, FOR TRANSMITTAL.

5. BEGIN TEXT:

RETURN ADDRESS: THE MINISTRY OF AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY,

P.O. BOX 818, BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TELEX  
28376 MOAFA CN, FAX 8370849, BEIJING, CHINA.1

DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1992

-- AUSSAT BL, THE AUSTRALIAN SECOND GENERATION  
TELECOMMUNICATION SATELLITE IS GOING TO BE LAUNCHED BY  
LM-2E, STRAPPED-ON BOOSTER ROCKET, IN MARCH OF THIS  
YEAR. AT PRESENT, THE PRE-LAUNCHING PREPARATIONS ARE  
CARRYING ON AND GETTING IN PROGRESS AS PLANNED. ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF AUSSAT BL WHICH IS  
SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED FROM MARCH 22 AT XICHANG  
SATELLITE LAUNCH CENTER, SICHUAN PROVINCE, SOUTH-WEST OF  
CHINA, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR KIND INVITATION TO YOU  
TO WITNESS THIS LAUNCHING IF YOU FEEL CONVENIENT DURING  
THAT PERIOD, WHICH COULD STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND  
COOPERATION. WE ARE WAITING FOR YOUR EARLIEST (SIC)  
RESPONSES FOR AN APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENT.

-- YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE LAUNCHING PLAN AND  
THE EXACT LAUNCHING DATE FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGH OUR  
EMBASSY. THE COST OF YOUR COMING AND GOING FROM BEIJING  
TO THE LAUNCHING SITE AND OF THE FOOD, ACCOMMODATION AND  
TRANSPORTATION AT THE LAUNCHING SITE WILL BE COVERED BY  
OUR SIDE.

-- I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN CHINA SOON.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
SUN JIA DONG  
PRESIDENT  
COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
HAS

(END TEXT)  
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